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1. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH TOLD AMBASSADOR EVENING JANUARY 17 THAT HIS TRIP TO LIBYA (JAN 2-6) HAD ACCOMPLISHED ITS PURPOSE OF EXPLAINING TO QADHAFI WHY THE "DORDAH MISSION" HAD FAILED (REFTELS, BUT OTHERWISE WAS SOMETHING OF A MIXED BAG. WAHEED ABDULLAH ADMITTED BEING UNNERVED BY QADHAFI'S STYLE AND OPENNESS OF LIBYANS IN ADMITTING THEIR ENCOURAGEMENT OF WHAT MOST OF WORLD DEFINES AS INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.
2. ASKED WHETHER HE SEES ANY NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR SOME KIND OF PAK-AFGHAN DIALOGUE WAHEED ABDULLAH REPLIED "NOT UNLESS PAKISTANIS MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL GESTURE OF GOODWILL".
3. PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR ALI ARSHAD DURING CONVERSATION JANUARY 16 OPINED THAT PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS PRESENTLY ON DEAD CENTER. ARSHAD SAID THAT
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REPORTS HE HAD ON THE "DORDAH MISSION" WERE

VAGUE, BUT THAT IT WAS CLEAR THE LIBYAN ENVOY
HIMSELF WAS NOT WELL BRIEFED ON PAK-AFGHAN
AFFAIRS AND LITTLE COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED
OF THE MISSION UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. ARSHAD
SAID THAT IN COMING MONTHS THERE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY
BE FURTHER ACTIONS IN PAKISTAN, ENSUING FROM THE
SUPREME COURT DECISION AGAINST THE NAP, ON WHICH
THE AFGHANS COULD SEIZE TO BLAME PAKISTAN FOR
THE STALEMATE. ARSHAD COMMENTED THAT GOA LIKES
TO KEEP ITS OWN PROPOSALS UNSPECIFIC FOR THE
SAME REASON. COMMENT: ARSHAD LEFT JANUARY 19
FOR TWO WEEKS HOLIDAY AND CONSULTATIONS IN PAKISTAN.
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